# **Comment Summary Report grouped by Route**

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	7797	undesignated	С	С	С
	7824	undesignated	С	С	С
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJanice ShepherdThe Quiet Trails Groupemc0835

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**Upper Mesa** 

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLandon MonhollandN/Aemc0922

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Zone O from a Bicycle perspective:

Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-andfrom the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation.

#### **Route Comments:**

Southern region - don't limit access off of Indian Point area.

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Route O1046 has not been used for a long time. It is hard to even tell it is a road at its intersection with O1045 - see image IMG\_8703. O1046 should be listed as closed.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLydia HerronN/Aemc0806

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Zone O = Whitewater Hill OHV open area

While a smaller area than the Grand Valley OHV area, it has many similar characteristics, and besides "open" riding, offers trail riding through the rocks and desert shrubbery. These are great trails! Not too technical, but enough to make it fun. We have started rides with friends and family off Hwy 50, just South/East of 32 Road intersection and then traveled on the rocky & diverse trails over to Kannah Creek Rd/Lands End Rd. There is one trail (# unknown) that is a technical, rocky, continuously inclining route, which climbs it's way upward above Palisade. It does dead end at an administrative use gate, but the view was spectacular and the ride exhilarating. We do not want to see any closures in this area. We would like to see Alternative A or Alternative D routes remain open for this area. Some trails in Alternative B, slated for administrative use that we'd like to have remain open for public use are O736, O937, O812, O434 & O440, O1046, O104, as these and others that have recreation value. This zone should also remain an intensive OHV use area.

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O1092	10901	undesignated	C	C	O1
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

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O1108	7686	undesignated	С	R	Н
	9067	undesignated	С	R	Н
Commenter Juliann Adams	Organization Palisade Chamber of Commerce				Submission Code emc0749

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

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Commenter
Jason Bertolacci

Organization

Submission Code emc0912

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeScott WinansN/Aemc0868

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Mesa Slopes - this area of grade will be perfect terrain for several routes to link the higher bench area of the

shoulder of the Mesa to the valley floor. The grade and terrain offer exciting technical route options, with good grade for flow of the trails.

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O1125	10618	undesignated	С	С	С
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0113	8252	undesignated	С	С	С
	8253	undesignated	С	С	С
	8447	undesignated	R	R	С
Commenter		Organization		Submission Code	
Juliann Adams	Palisade Chamber of Commerce				emc0749

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10772 undesignated C R O1	
11116 undesignated C N O1	
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Commenter **Organization** 

Palisade Chamber of Commerce emc0749

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O1133	10898	undesignated	С	R	С
	10932	undesignated	С	R	С
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O1156	11576	undesignated	R	R	R
	23421	undesignated	R	R	R
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O118	7648	undesignated	С	С	С
	7658	undesignated	С	С	С
	8436	undesignated	С	С	С
	8437	undesignated	С	С	С
	8455	undesignated	С	С	С
	8457	undesignated	С	С	С
	8461	undesignated	С	С	С
	8465	undesignated	С	С	С
	8481	undesignated	С	С	С
	8482	undesignated	С	С	С
	8483	undesignated	С	С	С
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O1210	7679	undesignated	Α	R	Α
	7949	undesignated	Α	R	A
	8327	undesignated	Α	R	A
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01213	8758	undesignated	0	0	0
	8927	undesignated	С	R	01
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeScott WinansN/Aemc0868

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJuliann AdamsPalisade Chamber of Commerceemc0749

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**Submission Code** 

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0126	8456	undesignated	0	R	0
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0127	8032	undesignated	0	0	0
	8050	undesignated	0	0	0
	8409	undesignated	0	0	0
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	7621	undesignated	R	R	С
	8010	undesignated	0	0	0
	8124	undesignated	С	С	С
	8157	undesignated	С	С	С
	8159	undesignated	С	С	С
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014	7200	undesignated	R	R	С
	7207	undesignated	R	R	С
	7588	undesignated	R	R	С
	7605	undesignated	R	R	С
Commenter Scott Winans		Organization N/A			Submission Code emc0868

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout - very important ridgeline to long range route options from Mesa elevations to valley floor. This needs to remain accessible.

O14 is an established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area, and the route is not fully shown on the map/inventory. This could be re-routed around private property and create a very nice additional access to the Palisade Rims trail area.

Accurate Palisade Rim trail needs to be added to the map & inventory.

Access from the current Palisade Rims trail and the historic social trail in that area to the 'point' overlooking the valley to the west is not shown on the map/inventory. This route should be added to the inventory and designated as accessible to the same traffic as currently has access to the Palisade Rims trail.

Access further southward from existing Palisade Rims trail network across the upper reaches of the Blowout would make a great connection through and to similar terrain and eventually down into the valley near Horse mtn.

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJuliann AdamsPalisade Chamber of Commerceemc0749

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Palisade Rims area

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Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJason BertolacciInternational Mountain Bicycling Associationemc0912

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Jennifer Sliney	N/A	cfc0137

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--Access to Route 014 should remain and further access alternatives sought that will provide an alternative climbing route to access the Palisade Rim trails. Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management

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<b>O141</b>	7370	undesignated	С	R	0	
	7940	undesignated	С	R	0	
	7960	undesignated	С	R	0	
	21956	undesignated	С	R	01	

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeScott WinansN/Aemc0868

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Mesa Slopes - this area of grade will be perfect terrain for several routes to link the higher bench area of the shoulder of the Mesa to the valley floor. The grade and terrain offer exciting technical route options, with good grade for flow of the trails.

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJason BertolacciInternational Mountain Bicycling Associationemc0912

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLandon MonhollandN/Aemc0922

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Zone O from a Bicycle perspective:

Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-andfrom the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to

see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation.

**Route Comments:** 

Southern region - don't limit access off of Indian Point area.

O830/831/833 should be bike accessible

O825/O2060 should be bike accessible.

Whitewater Basin area

0293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary)

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**Upper Mesa** 

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Mesa Slopes

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**Organization** 

Juliann Adams

Commenter

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**Submission Code** 

emc0749

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Mesa Slopes

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O146	8402	undesignated	С	R	Н
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

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O147	8326	undesignated	0	0	0
	8405	undesignated	0	0	О
	8606	undesignated	0	0	0
	8665	undesignated	0	0	0
	8667	undesignated	0	0	0
	8696	undesignated	0	0	0
	9281	undesignated	0	0	0
Commenter Daniel Nees		Organization N/A			Submission Code emc0456

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O153	6073	undesignated	R	R	Α
	8650	undesignated	0	0	0
	8660	undesignated	R	R	Α
	8663	undesignated	0	0	0
	8675	undesignated	0	0	0
	8743	undesignated	0	0	0
	8756	undesignated	0	0	0
	8874	undesignated	0	0	0
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O1544	6115	undesignated	С	R	0
	9694	undesignated	С	R	0
	9738	undesignated	open area	0	open area
	9741	undesignated	open area	0	open area
	9742	undesignated	open area	0	open area
	9750	undesignated	open area	0	open area
	9754	undesignated	open area	0	open area
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01594	8322	undesignated	С	R	0
	8325	undesignated	С	R	0
	8328	undesignated	С	R	0
	8742	undesignated	С	R	0
	8746	undesignated	С	R	0
	8754	undesignated	С	R	0
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O1685	11295	undesignated	R	R	С
	11616	undesignated	С	С	С
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01711	9467	undesignated	0	0	0
	9469	undesignated	0	0	0
	9470	undesignated	R	R	R
	9701	undesignated	0	0	0
	9708	undesignated	0	0	0
	9746	undesignated	0	0	0
	9776	undesignated	0	0	0
	9792	undesignated	0	0	0
	9820	undesignated	0	0	0
	9843	undesignated	0	0	0
	10473	undesignated	0	0	0
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O1750	10207	undesignated	С	С	С
	11299	undesignated	С	С	С
	11440	undesignated	С	С	С
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<b>)1752</b>	11041	undesignated	С	С	С
	11092	undesignated	С	С	С
	11154	undesignated	С	С	С
	11204	undesignated	С	С	С
	11223	undesignated	С	С	С
	11234	undesignated	С	С	С
	11237	undesignated	С	С	С
	11268	undesignated	С	С	С
	11272	undesignated	С	С	С
	11423	undesignated	С	С	С
	11424	undesignated	С	С	С
	11441	undesignated	С	С	С
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O1756	10692	undesignated	0	С	0	
	10693	undesignated	0	С	0	
	10765	undesignated	0	С	0	
	10766	undesignated	С	С	С	
	10812	undesignated	0	С	0	
	10820	undesignated	0	С	0	
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01779	7363	undesignated	С	R	С	
	7366	undesignated	С	R	С	
	8576	undesignated	С	R	С	
	8584	undesignated	0	Ο	0	
	8585	undesignated	0	Ο	0	
	8611	undesignated	0	0	0	
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	8250	undesignated	С	С	0	
	8251	undesignated	С	С	0	
Commenter		Organization			Submission Co	ode

Juliann Adams Palisade Chamber of Commerce emc0749

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJason BertolacciInternational Mountain Bicycling Associationemc0912

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	7936	undesignated	0	0	0
	8061	undesignated	0	С	0
	8095	undesignated	0	С	0
	8319	undesignated	0	0	0
	8448	undesignated	0	С	0
	8544	undesignated	0	0	0
	8612	undesignated	0	0	0
	8653	undesignated	С	R	0
	8671	undesignated	0	С	0
	8698	undesignated	0	С	0
	8699	undesignated	0	С	0
	8702	undesignated	С	R	0
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O1812	10569	undesignated	С	С	0
	10694	undesignated	С	С	0
	10768	undesignated	С	С	0
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O1838	8241	undesignated	С	С	0
	8247	undesignated	С	С	0
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O193	7622	undesignated	С	С	С
	8160	undesignated	С	С	С
	8170	undesignated	С	С	С
<b>Commenter</b> Janice Shepherd	Organization The Quiet Trails Group				Submission Code emc0835

## Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

Specifically we support the closure and rehab of O887, O885 and O731 to protect the rare plants in the area. We are also interested that O293 retains its designation as bike, foot and horse. We note though the oddity in Alt B where O293, a bike, horse, foot routes is bounded at each end by Admin/Permittee routes. It is our understanding that Admin/Permittee routes are open to horse and foot but not bikes. Through access is needed for mountain bikers that includes route O293 as this provides access to the Whitewater Basin trail system. We also support designating the Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek trail complex (O1, 1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205) as horse, foot and biking trails. The BLM should work out with the adjoining landowners' permissions to allow for a nonmotorized loop that includes O1 and O1045.

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJan PotterveldBack Country Horsemen of Coloradoemc0634

### Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O2003	13450	undesignated		C	O
Commenter Eric Rechel		Organization N/A			Submission Code rmc0049

### **Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

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O2022	12838	undesignated	C	C	O
<b>Commenter</b> Eric Rechel		Organization N/A			Submission Code rmc0049

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O2025	13444	undesignated	С	С	C
	13575	undesignated	01	С	0
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O2033	13283	undesignated	С	С	С
Commenter Bradley Barker		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0050

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

While I use other routes within the RMP area, I will restrict my current comments to Zone 'O.' I travel routes O813, O822, O825, O829, O830, O831, O833, O836, O2033, O2037, O2060, O2067 and O2089 multiple times a year. . . If this area was closed we would have to travel miles to find another suitable recreation area.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeRon VelardeColorado Parks and Wildlifermc0074

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Road 0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15).

Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827. & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open.

Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open.

Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles.

Roads 0 836 and 0831. There are many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone 0.

Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed.

Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public.

Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an impation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative.

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Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

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O2034	13177	undesignated	С	С	С
<b>Commenter</b> Ron Velarde		Organization Colorado Park	Submission Code rmc0074		

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O2035	13170	undesignated	С	С	С
Commenter		Organization	Submission Code		
Ron Velarde	Colorado Parks and Wildlife				rmc0074

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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O2036	13176	undesignated		C	C
<b>Commenter</b> Ron Velarde		<b>Organization</b> Colorado Park	Submission Code rmc0074		

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O2037	13232	undesignated	С	С	05
	13365	undesignated	С	С	0
Commenter Bradley Barker		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0050

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O205	7874	undesignated	С	С	С
Commenter Janice Shepherd		<b>Organization</b> The Quiet Train	ils Group		Submission Code emc0835

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeBrandon SiegfriedN/Acfc0080

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731, 882, 885, 887, 774, 749, 936, 69, 457, 468, 405, 457, 1133, 490, 432, 1125, 266, 367, 358, 330, 388, 310, 263, 527, 525, 1756, 1544, 118, 1752, 1750, 636, 250, 225, 230, 296. RS 2477 Right of Ways (ROWs) and Prescriptive ROW's have been legally established on the entire list of Zone Q routes listed above, closing these routes would be arbitrary and capricious. The BLM cannot legally close these routes.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJan PotterveldBack Country Horsemen of Coloradoemc0634

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D	
O206	7835	undesignated	С	С	С	
	7852	undesignated	С	С	С	
	7900	undesignated	С	С	С	
<b>Commenter</b> Janice Shepherd		<b>Organization</b> The Quiet Tra	ils Group		Submission Code emc0835	

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O2060	12825	undesignated	С	С	A1
Commenter Landon Mon	holland	Organization N/A			Submission Code emc0922

### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

Zone O from a Bicycle perspective:

Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-andfrom the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation.

#### **Route Comments:**

Southern region - don't limit access off of Indian Point area.

O830/831/833 should be bike accessible

O825/O2060 should be bike accessible.

### Whitewater Basin area

O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary) O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route.

### **Upper Mesa**

O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top

### Mesa Slopes

O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop

O1213 should be continuous

O1108 provides nice high access for later connection

Flats; south of Horse Mtn

O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats

Horse Mtn area

O75 - access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and it's existing trail.

Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeScott WinansN/Aemc0868

# **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Southern region - don't limit access off of Indian Point area. This area is great for getting down off of the Grand Mesa, and is remote and rugged, though easily accessible on top via roads and existing trails (Mesa Top, Flowing Park).

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Trail Description: These trails offer a varied riding experience and great views of the valley.

Historical Use: I use these routes multiple times per year as routes to picnics, hunting, and general recreation.

Why you like this trail: These trails are very close to my parent's home and keeps us from needing to load and travel long distances to ride.

Benefits: These trails provide opportunity for me, my friends, and family to enjoy the outdoors away from the crowds of the big city.

Closure of these trails will increase density of use in other areas and thus become a safety risk and increase impact on environment in other areas.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJason BertolacciInternational Mountain Bicycling Associationemc0912

# **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles

- O830/831/833 and O825/O2060
- O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary)
- O1219/O1131 should remain accessible, form loop route.
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- Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.
- O57 provide access northward from upper reaches of Blowout very important ridgeline to long range route options.
- O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area
- Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map
- O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes.

In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding.

The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJuliann AdamsPalisade Chamber of Commerceemc0749

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeBradley BarkerN/Acfc0050

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Kris Cox COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter emc0788

### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

O830/831/833 should be bike accessible. O825/O2060 should be bike accessible.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O2067	12842	undesignated	R	R	R
Commenter Bradley Barker		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0050

### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeBradley BarkerGrand Mesa Jeep Clubrmc0025

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O2089	13242	undesignated	С	С	С
	13268	undesignated	С	С	С
Commenter Bradley Barker		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0050

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeWilliam EdwardsUSDArmc0086

### Comment Recommendation: C (Admin/Permitted Use Only)

Route 0830: We are experiencing some incursions onto the forest by motorized vehicles in the Kannah Creek Colorado Roadless Area (CRA). If public access on Routes 0830, 02089 and 0833 can be controlled, we have no

problem with those routes being identified as administrative access. We have been using gates for such closures/control.

Route O209	Segment 8701	ALT A undesignated	ALT B	ALT C C	ALT D C
Commenter Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O222	8764	undesignated		C	C
Commenter William Edwards		<b>Organization</b> USDA			Submission Code rmc0086

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Route 0813: In the 1950s, the Forest Service acquired a right-of-way across the private land in Section 6, T. 13 S., R. 97 W., 6th P.M., as well as a right-of-way reservation from BLM for a road crossing Sections 6, 7, 8, 8 and 16 to the forest boundary where there is a trailhead for the Indian Point Trail on NFS lands. Both rights-of-way (easements) were for a width of 60 feet, which is what we acquire for road purposes. Because it appears that the Forest Service has valid existing rights on that route, we do not believe that the route from the private land to the intersection with Route 0222 should be closed or decoMmissioned. Additionally, the remainder of the route (0222) to the forest boundary provides full-sized vehicle access to the Indian Point Trailhead. We believe the route is under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service and, therefore, should remain as full-sized motorized access to the forest boundary. We will gladly work with the BLM and the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) on a winter closure for the area.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D	
0225	6098	undesignated	0	R	0	
	6102	undesignated	R	R	0	
	8800	undesignated	R	R	0	
	8820	undesignated	R	R	0	
	8836	undesignated	R	R	0	
	8842	undesignated	R	R	0	
	8844	undesignated	R	R	0	
	8846	undesignated	0	R	0	
	8849	undesignated	R	R	0	
	8850	undesignated	R	R	0	
Commenter		Organization			Submiss	ion Code

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N/A

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O226	8336	undesignated	С	R	01
	8889	undesignated	С	R	01
	9122	undesignated	R	R	01
	9123	undesignated	С	R	01
Commenter		Organization			Submission Code
Scott Winans		N/A			emc0868

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Mesa Slopes - this area of grade will be perfect terrain for several routes to link the higher bench area of the shoulder of the Mesa to the valley floor. The grade and terrain offer exciting technical route options, with good grade for flow of the trails.

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	8828	undesignated	open area	О	open area
	8870	undesignated	open area	0	open area
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	9098	undesignated	0	R	0
	9102	undesignated	0	R	0
	9124	undesignated	0	R	0
	9165	undesignated	0	R	0
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	9578	undesignated	R	R	01
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	7945	undesignated	0	0	0
	8714	undesignated	R	R	R
	8794	undesignated	A1	С	01
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	9811	undesignated	С	С	С	
	9985	undesignated	С	С	С	
	10072	undesignated	С	С	С	
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O263	9831	undesignated	0	С	0
	10016	undesignated	0	С	0
	10035	undesignated	0	С	0
	10107	undesignated	0	С	0
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Zone 0

Road 0822 and 0813. In Alternative B (preferred alternative) the BLM is proposing to keep 822 open with current winter timing stipulations, and close and rehab 813. Currently, BLM does not have a legal access easement to use 822. and the United States Forest Service does have a legal easement to use 813. This mixed use of access roads needs to be cleared up and finalized/memorialized in a document and depict it in the BLMs travel management plan. If BLM cannot get an easement for 822, it should be closed & rehabbed, and 813 opened.

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Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827. & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open.

Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open.

Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles.

Roads 0 836 and 0831. There are many roads that essentially go the same place as other existing roads, the BLM proposes to make many of them administrative in Alternative B For example 0836, and 0831 will continue to be used by the public unless they are closed and rehabbed. CPW would like to see expanded implementation of administratively closed roads in Zone 0.

Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed.

Roads 0762 and 0731. Roads 0762 and 0731 are power line roads. CPW recommends that these roads and other power line roads be designated as Administrative so that maintenance can be done if needed. The roads should be closed to the general public.

Road 0659. Road 0659 leads to an imgation structure for the City of Grand Junction, Alternative B shows this road be closed and rehabbed CPW recommends that the road be designated as Administrative.

Road 0292 leads to the trailhead for the Whitev'ater Creek Trail onto the forest, most of this road is open, and there is no good reason to stop the public from driving all the way to the gate/forest boundary. CPW recommends that the road remain open.

Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O293	10150	undesignated	N	N	N
	10993	undesignated	N	N	N

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJason BertolacciInternational Mountain Bicycling Associationemc0912

### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeScott WinansN/Aemc0868

# **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

Whitewater Basin area - connecting out of or into this basin will be important to making long range connections between the top of the Mesa and the valley floor. A Mesa top to valley floor trail system will be a spectacular way to combine high country temperatures and characteristics with access to towns by bike. This will be a huge economic impact, as well as accessing backcountry trails that are as close to town as possible with short drives up Lands End road. Ultimately, I'd like to see complete singletrack trail connections from Mesa Top trail to the town of Palisade. This would provide the elevation change (both climbing and descending options) and access to such a wide variety of terrain that is quite unique - not available anywhere else in the valley.

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJennifer SlineyN/Acfc0137

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--Bicycle access to Route 0293 should be maintained to provide contiguity with the routes of the NS and, of course, Land's End Rd

Commenter Organization Submission Code

Kris Cox COPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapter emc0788

### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Brandon Siegfried N/A cfc0080

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

William Edwards USDA rmc0086

# Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)

The Forest Service has identified a need for public trail access across public lands in the Whitewater Basin area to connect to the Whitewater Basin Trail - National Forest System Trail (NFST) 700 for foot and horse traffic. The City of Grand Junction does have authorized administrative access from the Forest Service on a portion of the Whitewater Trail for operation and maintenance of the Brandon Ditch, and we assume that the administrative access on the Routes 0292 and 0293 crossing public lands might be for that same purpose. If the administrative access designation also allows for foot and horse traffic, those routes would help provide the trail access we would like to see in that area.

Commenter Organization Submission Code

Janice Shepherd The Quiet Trails Group emc0835

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Juliann Adams Palisade Chamber of Commerce emc0749

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLandon MonhollandN/Aemc0922

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O296	10457	undesignated	0	0	0
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		<b>Organization</b> N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLandon MonhollandN/Aemc0922

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Scott Winans N/A emc0868

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Jason Bertolacci International Mountain Bicycling Association emc0912

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJuliann AdamsPalisade Chamber of Commerceemc0749

### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeKris CoxCOPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapteremc0788

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O308	9545	undesignated	A1	R	01
	10706	undesignated	0	0	0
	21942	undesignated	01	01	01
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

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O310	10448	undesignated	O	C	O
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

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032	8113	undesignated	С	С	С	
	8141	undesignated	С	С	С	
	8185	undesignated	С	С	С	
	8230	undesignated	С	С	С	
	8265	undesignated	С	С	С	
	8288	undesignated	С	С	С	
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJan PotterveldBack Country Horsemen of Coloradoemc0634

## Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)

Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek, Trails O1, O1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205, should be designated and maintained as Horse and Hiking Trails. These trails which form a network in the canyons and up on top are a beautiful ride on horseback, with grand vistas, water, woods, and some grass. While we could ride them as Admin trails they need and deserve designation and maintenance to keep them in good shape, otherwise, wash outs and over growth will occur. These trails are important assets to the horse community and deserve better care. In addition, with proper permissions, they connect with the trails leading to the Chalk Mountain Area. Because of the need for admin access to the upper reservoirs, the cottonwood trails may need to be wider than normal.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O322	10525	undesignated	R	R	R
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried	d	Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O330	9858	undesignated	0	R	0
	10134	undesignated	С	R	С
	10211	undesignated	С	R	С
	10984	undesignated	С	R	С
	11007	undesignated	С	R	С
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeBrandon SiegfriedGrand Mesa Jeep Clubcfc0071

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O358	10817	undesignated	С	R	С
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfr	ied	Organization Grand Mesa J	eep Club		Submission Code cfc0071

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	10500	undesignated	С	С	С	
	10577	undesignated	С	С	С	
	10683	undesignated	0	С	0	

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O388	10112	undesignated	0	С	0
	10658	undesignated	0	С	0
	10670	undesignated	0	С	0
	10673	undesignated	0	С	0
	10674	undesignated	С	С	С
	10684	undesignated	0	С	0
	10685	undesignated	0	С	0
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

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04	7574	undesignated	03	А3	03
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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O405	10839	undesignated	0	R	0
	10877	undesignated	0	R	0
	10986	open area	0	R	0
	11078	open area	0	R	0
	11089	open area	0	R	0
	11134	open area	0	R	0
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O424	10459	undesignated	01	01	01
	10520	undesignated	01	01	01
	10659	undesignated	01	01	01
	10675	undesignated	01	01	01
	10719	undesignated	01	01	01
	10730	undesignated	01	01	01
	10733	undesignated	01	01	01
	10928	undesignated	С	С	С
	10980	undesignated	0	0	0
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O432	10584	undesignated	С	R	С
	10679	undesignated	С	R	С
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O434	11025	undesignated		C	O
Commenter Lydia Herron		Organization N/A			Submission Code emc0806

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O440	10131	undesignated	С	С	0	
	10142	undesignated	С	С	0	
	10925	undesignated	0	0	0	
	10930	undesignated	0	0	0	
	10934	undesignated	0	0	0	
	11023	undesignated	С	С	0	
	11026	undesignated	С	С	0	
Commenter		Organization			Submis	sion Code

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0457	9496	undesignated	0	R	0	
	9501	open	С	R	С	
	10987	open area	С	R	С	
	11045	open area	С	R	С	
	11065	undesignated	0	R	0	
	11102	undesignated	0	R	0	
	11159	undesignated	С	R	С	
	11163	undesignated	0	R	0	
	11166	undesignated	С	R	С	
	11171	undesignated	С	R	С	
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O468	11108		O	R	O
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O486	10208	undesignated	A1	R	01
	11064	undesignated	A1	R	01
	11112	undesignated	A1	R	01
	11119	undesignated	A1	R	01
	11132	undesignated	R	R	R
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O490	11039		C	R	C
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O5	6414	undesignated	03	A3	03
	6696	undesignated	03	A3	03
	6938	undesignated	О3	A3	03
	6983	undesignated	О3	A3	03
	7214	undesignated	О3	A3	03
	7543	undesignated	О3	A3	03
	7575	undesignated	О3	A3	03
	7590	undesignated	О3	A3	03
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O525	11222	undesignated	C	C	C
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O527	11037	undesignated	0	С	0	
-	11081	undesignated	0	С	0	
	11082	undesignated	0	С	0	
	11169	undesignated	0	С	0	
	11201	undesignated	С	С	С	
	11219	undesignated	С	С	С	
	11229	undesignated	С	С	С	
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<b>O57</b>	7637	undesignated	С	С	С
	7654	undesignated	С	С	С
	8022	undesignated	С	С	С
	8129	undesignated	С	С	С
	8152	undesignated	С	С	С
Commenter Kris Cox		Organization COPMOBA- G	rand Valley	Canyons Chapter	Submission Code emc0788

### **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

- 2 O1029 retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes
- 2 0141/0226/0239 form nice spur loop
- 2 O1213 should be continuous
- 2 O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn.
- 2 O305 serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area
- 2 O75 access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and it's existing trail.
- 2 Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJennifer SlineyN/Acfc0137

## **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

--Route 057 off of the Mesa Slopes would make an ideal connector for a loop BACK to the Cottonwood Creek Drainage, however, any attempts to connect this (or any) trail from the Grand Mesa to the Palisade Rim trail from above MUST be opposed due to the fragile nature (cultural sites, endangered plant species, etc) and heavy use this trail receives from multiple user groups

Commenter

Organization

Palisade Chamber of Commerce

**Submission Code** emc0749

Juliann Adams

Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Palisade Rims area

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Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map

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Commenter **Scott Winans**  Organization

**Submission Code** 

N/A

emc0868

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O14 is an established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area, and the route is not fully shown on the map/inventory. This could be re-routed around private property and create a very nice additional access to the Palisade Rims trail area.

Accurate Palisade Rim trail needs to be added to the map & inventory.

Access from the current Palisade Rims trail and the historic social trail in that area to the 'point' overlooking the valley to the west is not shown on the map/inventory. This route should be added to the inventory and designated as accessible to the same traffic as currently has access to the Palisade Rims trail.

Access further southward from existing Palisade Rims trail network across the upper reaches of the Blowout would make a great connection through and to similar terrain and eventually down into the valley near Horse mtn.

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Commenter

## **Organization**

**Submission Code** 

Jason Bertolacci

International Mountain Bicycling Association

emc0912

#### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles

- O830/831/833 and O825/O2060
- O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary)
- O1219/O1131 should remain accessible, form loop route.
- O1029 retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top
- O141/O226/O239 form nice spur loop
- O1213 should be continuous
- O1108 provides nice high access for later connection

O305 - serves as connector to trails in the flats

- O75 access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and it's existing
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In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding.

The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

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O595	11572	undesignated	A1	R	01
	11573	undesignated	01	R	01
	11712	undesignated	01	R	01
	11733	undesignated	01	R	01
	11735	undesignated	01	R	01
	11760	undesignated	01	R	01
Commenter		Organization			Submission Code
Brandon Siegfried		N/A			cfc0080

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O636	11689	undesignated	C	C	C
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O659	11724	undesignated	R	R	01	
	11732	undesignated	01	R	01	
	11736	undesignated	01	R	01	
Commenter		Organization			Submission C	ode

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

#### Comment Recommendation: C (Admin/Permitted Use Only)

Zone 0

Ron Velarde

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O69	9870	undesignated	С	R	С
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization Grand Mesa Jo	eep Club		Submission Code cfc0071

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

There are many established routes in the Whitewater Hill OHV area that fall under RS 2477 as they were constructed prior to 1976 and the BLM has no legal authority to close these legal ROW's under RS 2477. The routes identified as 069, 0457, 0468, 0405, 0490, 0432, 01125, 01133, 0358, 0330 should remain open to motorized use as they are a legal ROW. I claim RS 2477 on these routes.

Having a variety of areas to ride OHV's in the Grand Valley will offer safer and more enjoyable riding conditions for our youth, visitors and residents. High Density riding situations could prove hazardous and result in injury or death and alter the enjoyment of the experience. Finding peace and solitude is often desired.

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0713	10241	undesignated	С	С	0
	11713	undesignated	С	С	0
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073	9877	undesignated	С	С	С
	10864	undesignated	С	С	С
Commenter		Organization			Submission Code
Andrew BE		N/A			emc0358

We have 3 launch sites within the RMP zone which haw been actiwly used for decades by free-flight pilots from around the westem United States. Two of these sites (Reeder Mesa, roads 073, J0737/0738, and Otto's Ridge, road K64 and access) are flown year-round and are known for their steady conditions, safe learning environment for newer pilots and progressiw conditions for intermediate pilots. They're known for smooth, multiple-hour flights.

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Personally. I fty Otto's Ridge and Reeder Mesa sometimes 3-4 times per week. I haw worked with the private property owners at Reeder Mesa (who grant access to the BLM land across their private property) for 7 years to ensure good relationships are maintained. I have worked with pilots, instructors and USHPA to promote good land-use practices to ensure minimal impact and long-term accessibility.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O730	12017	undesignated	R	R	R
	12019	undesignated	R	R	R
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	12028	undesignated	R	R	R
	12035	undesignated	R	R	R
	12038	undesignated	R	R	R
	12039	undesignated	R	R	R
	12209	undesignated	R	R	R
	12218	undesignated	R	R	R
	12219	undesignated	R	R	R
	12220	undesignated	R	R	R
	12223	undesignated	R	R	R
	12244	undesignated	R	R	R
<b>Commenter</b> Eric Rechel		Organization N/A			Submission Code rmc0049

### **Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

Zone 0: Roads 0887,0885,0882,0731, should be closed. The entire area where these roads are located should be off limits to motorized travel because of presence of Colorado Hookless cactus.

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeRon VelardeColorado Parks and Wildlifermc0074

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Zone (

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJanice ShepherdThe Quiet Trails Groupemc0835

#### Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)

Specifically we support the closure and rehab of O887, O885 and O731 to protect the rare plants in the area. We are also interested that O293 retains its designation as bike, foot and horse. We note though the oddity in Alt B where O293, a bike, horse, foot routes is bounded at each end by Admin/Permittee routes. It is our understanding that Admin/Permittee routes are open to horse and foot but not bikes. Through access is needed for mountain bikers that includes route O293 as this provides access to the Whitewater Basin trail system. We also support designating the Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek trail complex (O1, 1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205) as horse, foot and biking trails. The BLM should work out with the adjoining landowners' permissions to allow for a nonmotorized loop that includes O1 and O1045.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>O736</b>	11133	undesignated	R	R	R
	11707	undesignated	С	R	01
	11749	undesignated	С	С	01
	12132	undesignated	С	С	0
	12133	undesignated	С	С	0
<b>Commenter</b> Jack Rossman		Organization US Hangliding	and Paragl	iding Assoc.	Submission Code cfc0198

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

These comments peratin to the area's around Roads K64, O736, O737, O738, and E27 and maintaining full access to paragliders. The sport of Paragliding requires a very small amount of access with limited to low impact on the land. We want to use existing roads to these areas known as Otto's Ridge, Reeders Mesa and Peanut Point, which are established insured flying signts with US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLoren DumontN/Aemc0512

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Readers Mesa

Paraglider pilots need O736 and (O936 where it connects to O736 to the southwest) to remain open because this is the only road we have to access the Reader Mesa launch site. O737 is a side road that does not affect us. We currently have permission from the land owners to drive down there driveway to access the southern end of O936, as long as we drive slowly down there driveway. Readers Mesa launch site is an intermediate paragliding area that has a ridge about 1 mile long. Readers Mesa launch is located at 38 58'44.01"N 108 19'36.21"W. I got these coordinates from Google Earth.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodePaul ChristianN/Aemc0441

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

I am a paraglider and I am requesting tha, Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site), Roads O736, O737, O738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site), and Road E27 and access (Peanut Point) remain open.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeSteve SuN/Aemc0428

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Im writing to keep road access to

Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site),

Roads O736, O737, O738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site),

Road E27 and access (Peanut Point).

These roads are essential for paraglider pilots to have safe access to these unique spots. As a beginner pilot these are some of the only areas with consistent smooth winds which novices can learn safely. In addition these sites allow year round flying. Many pilots from all over the country visit these sites as it is so unique and scenic. These sites already have been established for many years and are insured with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding association. Please maintain access to the roads stated above.

Commenter Organization Submission Code

Richard Kocurek N/A emc0400

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Maintain full access to:

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- Road E27 and access (Peanut Point)

Unlike other recreational activities, we necessitate a very small amount of access to very specific locations. Our sport has extremely low impact on public land. These flying sites are flown year-round by pilots from across the western United States. Reeder Mesa and Otto's Ridge sites are know to be some of the safest and most consistently used in Colorado. These sites fulfill an essential role of helping beginning and intermediate pilots safely improve and hone their skills. These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Commenter Organization Submission Code

Douglas Kurtz N/A emc0380

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLydia HerronN/Aemc0806

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Readers Mesa

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- Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site)
- Road E27 and access (Peanut Point)

Sat, Feb 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM

This is for the benefit of free flying sports like paragliding and hang gliding wherein:

- Unlike other recreational activities, we necessitate a very small amount of access to very specific locations.
- Our sport has extremely low impact on public land.
- These flying sites are flown year-round by pilots from across the western United States.
- Reeder Mesa and Otto's Ridge sites are know to be some of the safest and most consistently used in Colorado.
- These sites fulfill an essential role of helping beginning and intermediate pilots safely improve and hone their skills.
- These are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeChris RatayN/Aemc0332

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

I was recently informed that the BLM is considering closing access for paragliding pilots to otto's Ridge, Reeder Mesa, and Peanut Point. (Road K64 and access, Roads 0736, 0737, 0738, and Road E27 and access to fying site). I am a Colorado resident and although there is plenty of BLM land here in Boulder, I don' get to utilize most of it. I utilize the roads listed above to access safe paragliding sites.

I am a beginner/intennediate paraglider, and there are limited places in Colorado that I can safely fly to improve my skills. Paragliding is low-impact on public land and the environment, far less then many mountain and dirt bike trails I've used in the past. I didn' like the impact the dirt-bike caused, and haw since gotten rid ofthem. The sites at Otto's Ridge and Reeder Mesa are safe and with consistent conditions make it worth traveling over from the Front Range. They are established and insured flying sites with the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJohn WirtN/Aemc0543

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

[Refers to Road K64 and access, Roads O736, O737, O738, and Road E27 and access]

Paragliding is a sport that has very little impact on the environment but does have very modest land use needs:

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skills.

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeGranger BanksUSHPAemc0331

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

I have been alerted to proposed closing of access to these roads:

- Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site)
- Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site)
- Road E27 and access (Peanut Point)

Sat, Feb 23, 2013 at 8:05 AM

As paragliding instructor that regularly visits these areas and brings pilots there that spend money in the local businesses, I encourage you to keep these road open.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJohn WirtN/Aemc0543

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

I would very much like to maintain full access to:

- Road K64 and access (Otto's Ridge fly-site)
- Roads 0736, 0737, 0738 (Reeder Mesa fly-site)
- Road E27 and access (Peanut Point)

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeDavid HanningN/Aemc0328

### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

As a user of public lands for multiple sports I amrequesting that the HIM maintain or improve current access and support

of Paragliding and Hang gliding.

- 1. request to maintain full access to:
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJack RossmanUS Hangliding and Paragliding Assoc.cfc0198

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

These comments peratin to the area's around Roads K64, O736, O737, O738, and E27 and maintaining full access to paragliders. The sport of Paragliding requires a very small amount of access with limited to low impact on the land. We want to use existing roads to these areas known as Otto's Ridge, Reeders Mesa and

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O749	12188	undesignated		C	O
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

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075	7652	undesignated	R	R	0
	8236	undesignated	R	R	0
	8599	undesignated	N	N	M
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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJennifer SlineyN/Acfc0137

## **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

--Route 075 should be extended with bicycle/ horse/ hiker access to fully utilize the slopes of Horse Mountain

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeKris CoxCOPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapteremc0788

#### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

- 2 O1029 retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top Mesa Slopes
- 2 0141/0226/0239 form nice spur loop
- 2 O1213 should be continuous
- 2 O1108 provides nice high access for later connection Flats; south of Horse Mtn.
- 2 O305 serves as connector to trails in the flats Horse Mtn area
- 2 O75 access North from ridgeline road connects to O1794, which allows for loop creation, and it's existing trail.
- 2 Existing trail not on map to the West of O75, and South of E-W road across the hill
- 2 O1794, O132, and O113 are all part of that loop and make good connectivity around Horse Mtn
- 2 Route is missing off of existing north O75 wrapping clockwise and intersecting O18 to the east.
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- 2 O14 is a nice established route providing entrance from the lower Cottonwood Creek area

2 O1045 and O1 (Cottonwood & Rapid Creek Roads) are critical access to Mesa direction and upper altitudes.

Commenter Organization Submission Code

Landon Monholland N/A emc0922

### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

Zone O from a Bicycle perspective:

Zone O offers the opportunity to connect to the Grand Mesa via bordering lands with NFS. Zone O also includes the Palisade Rims, The Blowout, Mesa Slopes, and Horse Mountain. These regions together form contiguous parcels to the east, southeast, and south of the town of Palisade. These areas have trail access via many points, and together could be made to form a recreation area that would be an amazing boon to the economy and quality of life for the town of Palisade. It will be important to assure access to-andfrom the Zone to nearby lands, and to establish a Recreation Management Area which will plan future trail development. I would like to see this area turned into an SRMA for multiple types of trail based recreation.

#### **Route Comments:**

Southern region - don't limit access off of Indian Point area.

O830/831/833 should be bike accessible

O825/O2060 should be bike accessible.

#### Whitewater Basin area

O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary)

O1219/O1131 - should remain accessible, form loop route.

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#### Mesa Slopes

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Juliann Adams Palisade Chamber of Commerce emc0749

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Horse Mountain area

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeScott WinansN/Aemc0868

Horse Mtn area - most important access locally to the town of Palisade - I love to be able to ride to Horse Mtn and access dirt quickly. Existing routes are not all catalogued here. Those on the mtn itself already offer nice loop options.

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Commenter

## Organization

**Submission Code** emc0912

Jason Bertolacci

International Mountain Bicycling Association

# Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles

- O830/831/833 and O825/O2060
- O293/0292 should have complete connection to Whitewater basin (NFS boundary)
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In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual visual connection is a unique aspect of Bookcliff area riding.

The only local access to this region of Zone M is through Cameo and Coal Canyon Road (M13). There is ongoing work to connect the town of Palisade to Cameo and Island Acres Campground via trail, as well as efforts to access the private lands on the bench south of Cameo as the Xcel power plant is decommissioned in that area. This connection will create yet another access from town directly to trails in these areas. With an established trailhead on M13, some resources are already in place to support improvement of existing routes and expansion of new routes in the area.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
<b>O762</b>	12296	undesignated	R	R	R
	12301	undesignated	R	R	R
	12311	undesignated	R	R	R
	12320	undesignated	R	R	R

### Comment Recommendation: C (Admin/Permitted Use Only)

Zone 0

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Road 0822. The BLM proposes to turn 0822 into a foot, horse, and bike trail in Alternative B & C; CPW does not support this change in any alternative. This area is not used by mountain bikers or hikers, and is used primarily by hunters. Currently hunters can drive an ATV to the BLM USFS boundary, and must hike from there. There is also an extensive road that takes off from 0822 (generally at the center of S8. T13S, R97W) to old habitat treatments that is not labeled in any alternative. This road should remain open with a big game winter season closure (December 1 to April 15).

Roads 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827. & 0825. The main route driven by hunters to get from Kannah Creek to Hwy 50 has many sections that show up as administrative only. 02033, 02036, 02035, 0833, 0827, & 0825 are the main access roads, and they should remain open.

Road 02034. This road leads to a campsite and probably doesn't need to be designated but should remain open.

Road 0825. In Alternative D 0825 is an ATV only trail, this is a good road, that can easily handle truck traffic. CPW recommends that it be designated as open to all vehicles.

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Road 0832. In Alternative B, there would be no legal public access to Cheney Reservoir, an area used by waterfowl and small game hunters. CPW recommends that Road 0832 be designated as open, and the remaining roads in close proximity to Cheney be closed and rehabbed.

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Road 0980 and 0983. Roads 0980 and 0983 are proposed to be closed and rehabbed in Alternative B near Palisade Point. The roads are administrative and should be designated as such.

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0774	11329	undesignated	С	С	0
	12532	undesignated	С	С	0

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08	608	undesignated	О3	А3	03
	33550	undesignated	О3	A3	03
Commenter Janice Shepherd		Organization N/A			Submission Code rmc0089

#### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

The unnumbered route that connects O8, O1, and O1045 is listed as permitting motorcycles in Alt B. This is not consistent with the existing signs and what appears to be the established agreements between the BLM and various stakeholders. See images IMG\_8678 and IMG\_8689. I recently spoke with a representative of Palisade Water and he indicated that Palisade has opened their roads in this area to bicycles. He understood that that these roads are not what typical mountain bikers are looking for. O8 and O1045 are exactly the type of roads I'd be interested in riding my bicycle on. I'm looking for quiet, fairly well graded roads or two tracks without much in the way of rocks, twists and turns. I'm sure I'm not alone. I normally ride on pavement or paved tracks like the Riverfront trail. I'm looking to broaden my bicycling adventures but definitely can't handle anything with much in the way of rocks or sharp turns. I believe O8 and O1045 would be perfect. Now that I know they are open to bicycles I'm looking forward to exploring them. O1 and O1045 should be listed as bicycle, horse or foot. It would be great if the BLM could work with the private land owner of the land around Cabin Reservoir so that a complete loop could be open for this type of casual bicycling.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O813	12887	undesignated	R	R	С
	12917	undesignated	R	R	С
Commenter Bradley Barker		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0050

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeRon VelardeColorado Parks and Wildlifermc0074

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeWilliam EdwardsUSDArmc0086

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Route 0813: In the 1950s, the Forest Service acquired a right-of-way across the private land in Section 6, T. 13 S., R. 97 W., 6th P.M., as well as a right-of-way reservation from BLM for a road crossing Sections 6, 7, 8, 8 and 16 to the forest boundary where there is a trailhead for the Indian Point Trail on NFS lands. Both rights-of-way (easements) were for a width of 60 feet, which is what we acquire for road purposes. Because it appears that the Forest Service has valid existing rights on that route, we do not believe that the route from the private land to the intersection with Route 0222 should be closed or decoMmissioned. Additionally, the remainder of the route (0222) to the forest boundary provides full-sized vehicle access to the Indian Point Trailhead. We believe the route is under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service and, therefore, should remain as full-sized motorized access to the forest boundary. We will gladly work with the BLM and the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) on a winter closure for the area.

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	11371	undesignated	N	N	A1	
	12261	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12890	undesignated	01	01	01	
	12920	undesignated	01	N	A1	
	12925	undesignated	01	N	A1	
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Commenter	Organization	Submission Code
William Edwards	USDA	rmc0086

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJason BertolacciInternational Mountain Bicycling Associationemc0912

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<b>Commenter</b> Ron Velarde	Organization Colorado Parks and Wildlife			Submission Code rmc0074	

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O829	12830	undesignated	С	С	О
	13160	undesignated	С	С	0
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<b>Commenter</b> Bradley Barker		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0050

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O83	8201	undesignated	С	С	С
<b>Commenter</b> Brandon Siegfried		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0080

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

William Edwards USDA rmc0086

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeLandon MonhollandN/Aemc0922

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#### **Route Comments:**

Southern region - don't limit access off of Indian Point area.

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O1029 - retain as open to mechanized travel for continued access off of the Mesa top

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O832	11390	undesignated	С	С	0	
	11394	undesignated	С	С	0	
	13335	undesignated	01	С	0	
	13345	undesignated	01	С	0	
	13352	undesignated	01	С	0	
	13389	undesignated	С	С	0	
	13397	undesignated	С	С	0	
	13419	undesignated	С	С	0	
	13610	undesignated	С	С	0	
	21960	undesignated	01	С	01	
Commenter		Organization			Submiss	ion Code

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeEric RechelN/Armc0049

## **Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

Need to keep motorized travel limited to roads that are graded and maintained otherwise there will be an increase in dust, especially with the drought. I approve of closing roads 02022, and 02025. Close roads around Chenny Reservoir e.g. 0840,0832, and 02003.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeRon VelardeColorado Parks and Wildlifermc0074

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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O833	13149	undesignated	С	С	С
	13237	undesignated	С	С	С
Commenter Landon Mor	nholland	Organization N/A			Submission Code emc0922

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Scott Winans N/A emc0868

## **Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)**

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Bradley Barker Grand Mesa Jeep Club rmc0025

# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Trail Description: These trails offer a varied riding experience and great views of the valley.

Historical Use: I use these routes multiple times per year as routes to picnics, hunting, and general recreation.

Why you like this trail: These trails are very close to my parent's home and keeps us from needing to load and travel long distances to ride.

Benefits: These trails provide opportunity for me, my friends, and family to enjoy the outdoors away from the crowds of the big city.

Closure of these trails will increase density of use in other areas and thus become a safety risk and increase impact on environment in other areas.

Commenter Organization Submission Code

Jason Bertolacci International Mountain Bicycling Association emc0912

## Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

Key Routes we Would Like to See Remain Open to Bicycles

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- Accurate Pal Rim trail needs to be added to map
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In Zone M, the town of Palisade will focus on mountain bike and trail based recreation around the Bookcliffs. The Bookcliff area offers quick access to little used terrain that is immediately adjacent to the Grand Valley and yet not visibly connected until one reaches the ridgeline of the Bookcliff range. This isolation and eventual

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 Commenter
 Organization
 Submission Code

 William Edwards
 USDA
 rmc0086

## Comment Recommendation: C (Admin/Permitted Use Only)

Route 0830: We are experiencing some incursions onto the forest by motorized vehicles in the Kannah Creek Colorado Roadless Area (CRA). If public access on Routes 0830, 02089 and 0833 can be controlled, we have no problem with those routes being identified as administrative access. We have been using gates for such closures/control.

Commenter Organization Submission Code

Juliann Adams Palisade Chamber of Commerce emc0749

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Commenter Organization Submission Code

Ron Velarde Colorado Parks and Wildlife rmc0074

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeBradley BarkerN/Acfc0050

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeKris CoxCOPMOBA- Grand Valley Canyons Chapteremc0788

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	13288	undesignated	01	01	01
	13311	undesignated	01	01	01
	13402	undesignated	01	01	01
	13484	undesignated	С	R	0
	13567	undesignated	С	С	05
	13586	undesignated	С	С	05
	13603	undesignated	С	С	05
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<b>Commenter</b> Bradley Barker		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0050

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	13578	undesignated	01	С	0
	13594	undesignated	С	С	0
	13596	undesignated	С	С	O5
	13602	undesignated	С	С	0
<b>Commenter</b> Eric Rechel		Organization N/A			Submission Code rmc0049

## Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)

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O846	13606	undesignated	С	С	0
	13633	undesignated	01	С	0
	13693	undesignated	С	С	0
	13694	undesignated	С	С	0
	13727	undesignated	С	С	0
Commenter William Edwards		<b>Organization</b> USDA			Submission Code rmc0086

## **Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

Route 0846: Who would use that administrative access? Is it designated the same in the Uncompanding Basin Field Office's RMP? There is a Forest Service Mesa Point Communication Site just across the Mesa-Delta County line and a road leading to the site. The area of the forest that appears to be accessed by that route is within the Kannah Creek CRA.

Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O882	12253	undesignated	R	R	R
	12259	undesignated	R	R	R
	12262	undesignated	R	R	R
	12267	undesignated	R	R	R
Commenter		Organization			Submission Code
Eric Rechel		N/A			rmc0049

## **Comment Recommendation: R (Closed)**

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeBrandon SiegfriedN/Acfc0080

## Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

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O885	12277	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12278	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12283	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12289	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12292	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12297	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12302	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12310	undesignated	R	R	R	
	12333	undesignated	R	R	R	
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Commenter **Organization Submission Code** Janice Shepherd emc0835 The Quiet Trails Group

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Route	Segment	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D
O887	8358	undesignated	R	R	R
	8367	undesignated	R	R	R
	9896	undesignated	R	R	R
Commenter		Organization			Submission Code
Eric Rechel		N/A			rmc0049

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<b>O</b> 89	8063	undesignated	С	R	С
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09	6419	undesignated	О3	А3	О3	
	6545	undesignated	03	А3	О3	
	6935	undesignated	03	А3	О3	
	7223	undesignated	О3	А3	О3	
	7504	undesignated	О3	А3	О3	

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O90	8195	undesignated	R	R	С
	8246	undesignated	R	R	С
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0912	10798	undesignated	01	01	01
	11031	undesignated	01	01	01
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0936	11942	undesignated	С	С	0
	11970	undesignated	С	С	О
	11972	undesignated	С	С	О
	11982	undesignated	С	С	О
	11990	undesignated	С	С	О
	12125	undesignated	С	С	0
	12126	undesignated	С	С	0
	12179	undesignated	С	С	0
	12225	undesignated	С	С	0
<b>Commenter</b> Matt Brown		Organization N/A			Submission Code cfc0059

#### Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

These are the only access roads to these locations which have been used by hang gliders and Para gliders for almost 40 years. Foot launch aviation sites are few and far between and we cannot afford to loose access to

these sites. As a hang glider pilot, I can tell you these are the only flyable sites in the area and losing them would be devastating to the flying community.

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# Comment Recommendation: O (Open (All modes of travel))

Readers Mesa

Brandon Siegfried

Paraglider pilots need O736 and (O936 where it connects to O736 to the southwest) to remain open because this is the only road we have to access the Reader Mesa launch site. O737 is a side road that does not affect us. We currently have permission from the land owners to drive down there driveway to access the southern end of O936, as long as we drive slowly down there driveway. Readers Mesa launch site is an intermediate paragliding area that has a ridge about 1 mile long. Readers Mesa launch is located at 38 58'44.01"N 108 19'36.21"W. I got these coordinates from Google Earth.

Route	Segment ALT	ALT A	ALT B	ALT C	ALT D	
O937	11252	undesignated	01	С	01	
	11404	undesignated	01	С	01	
	11737	undesignated	01	С	01	
	11953	undesignated	С	С	01	
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Zone O = Whitewater Hill OHV open area

While a smaller area than the Grand Valley OHV area, it has many similar characteristics, and besides "open" riding, offers trail riding through the rocks and desert shrubbery. These are great trails! Not too technical, but enough to make it fun. We have started rides with friends and family off Hwy 50, just South/East of 32 Road intersection and then traveled on the rocky & diverse trails over to Kannah Creek Rd/Lands End Rd. There is one trail (# unknown) that is a technical, rocky, continuously inclining route, which climbs it's way upward above Palisade. It does dead end at an administrative use gate, but the view was spectacular and the ride

exhilarating. We do not want to see any closures in this area. We would like to see Alternative A or Alternative D routes remain open for this area. Some trails in Alternative B, slated for administrative use that we'd like to have remain open for public use are O736, O937, O812, O434 & O440, O1046, O104, as these and others that have recreation value. This zone should also remain an intensive OHV use area.

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O952	9747	undesignated	A1	С	01
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O980	8183	undesignated	R	R	С
Commenter		Organization	<b>Submission Code</b>		
Ron Velarde		Colorado Park	rmc0074		

## Comment Recommendation: C (Admin/Permitted Use Only)

Zone 0

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CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJanice ShepherdN/Armc0089

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O998	8179	undesignated	С	С	С
<b>Commenter</b> Jan Potterveld		Organization Back Country	Horsemen c	of Colorado	Submission Code emc0634

## **Comment Recommendation: H (Foot/Horse)**

Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek, Trails O1, O1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205, should be designated and maintained as Horse and Hiking Trails. These trails which form a network in the canyons and up on top are a beautiful ride on horseback, with grand vistas, water, woods, and some grass. While we could ride them as Admin trails they need and deserve designation and maintenance to keep them in good shape, otherwise, wash outs and over growth will occur. These trails are important assets to the horse community and deserve better care. In addition, with proper permissions, they connect with the trails leading to the Chalk Mountain Area. Because of the need for admin access to the upper reservoirs, the cottonwood trails may need to be wider than normal.

CommenterOrganizationSubmission CodeJanice ShepherdThe Quiet Trails Groupemc0835

#### Comment Recommendation: N (Foot/Horse/Mechanized)

Specifically we support the closure and rehab of O887, O885 and O731 to protect the rare plants in the area. We are also interested that O293 retains its designation as bike, foot and horse. We note though the oddity in Alt B where O293, a bike, horse, foot routes is bounded at each end by Admin/Permittee routes. It is our understanding that Admin/Permittee routes are open to horse and foot but not bikes. Through access is needed for mountain bikers that includes route O293 as this provides access to the Whitewater Basin trail system. We also support designating the Rapid Creek and Cottonwood Creek trail complex (O1, 1046, O1045, O32, O998, O193, O206, O205) as horse, foot and biking trails. The BLM should work out with the adjoining landowners' permissions to allow for a nonmotorized loop that includes O1 and O1045.